

REMARKS

Claims 1 -20 are pending in the application. Claims 1 - 20 have been rejected. Claims 2 - 3, 5, 7, 8, 11 - 13, and 15 - 17 have been objected to. Claims 1, 3, 7, 8, 11, 13, 17 and 18 have been amended. Claims 2 and 12 have been cancelled.

Regarding the Examiner's statement about the foreign patent EP 0 921 487 A1, a new Information Disclosure Statement accompanies this Response in which a copy of the foreign patent is provided. It is respectfully submitted that the submission of this foreign patent is in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(2)(i) and that this foreign patent should thus be considered by the Examiner.

Claim 17 stands objected due to informalities. Claim 17 has been amended to address this objection.

Claims 1 - 20 stand rejected under Horstmann, U.S. Patent No. 6,009,401 (Horstmann). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The present invention, as set forth by independent claim 1, relates to a method for enabling remote restoration of a purchase verification which includes obtaining a value that uniquely identifies an information handling system, obtaining a promotion code value that identifies a benefit, linking the value that uniquely identifies the information handling system with the promotion code value for the information handling system, during remote restoration, obtaining the promotion code value for the information handling system by providing the value that uniquely identifies the information handling system, providing the promotion code value to the information handling system to re-enable the benefit, installing application software in an information handling system memory when the information handling system is assembled at a manufacturing facility, and linking any promotion code values with the value that uniquely identifies the information handling system within an order management system.

The present invention, as set forth by independent claim 7, relates to a process for remote creation of a system specific key for a benefit purchased post point of sale from a manufacturer of an information handling system which includes a restore module. The process includes

obtaining a value that uniquely identifies an information handling system, obtaining a promotion code value that identifies the benefit, linking the value that uniquely identifies the information handling system with the product code value, creating the system specific key for the benefit purchased post point of sale based upon the value that uniquely identifies the information handling, and providing the promotion code value to the information handling system to enable benefit. The value that uniquely identifies the information handling system is installed on the information handling system when the information handling system is fabricated.

The present invention, as set forth by independent claim 11, relates to a system for enabling remote restoration of a purchase verification, which includes an install module, a link module, and a restore module wherein restore module is configured to obtain a value that uniquely identifies an information handling system, obtain a promotion code value that identifies a benefit, link the value that uniquely identifies an information handling system with the product code value for the information handling system, during remote restoration, obtain the promotion code value for the information handling system by providing the value that uniquely identifies the information handling system, and provide the promotion code value to the information handling system to re-enable benefit. The install module installs application software on an information handling system when the information handling system is assembled at a manufacturing facility. The link module links any promotion code values with the value that uniquely identifies the information handling system within an order management system

The present invention, as set forth by independent claim 17, relates to a system for remote creation of a system specific key for a benefit purchased post point of sale from a manufacturer of an information handling system which includes a restore module. The restore module is configured to obtain a value that uniquely identifies the information handling system, obtain a promotion code value that identifies the benefit, link the value that uniquely identifies the information handling system with the product code value, create the system specific key for the benefit purchased post point of sale based upon the value that uniquely identifies the information handling, and provide the promotion code value to the information handling system to enable benefit. The value that uniquely identifies the information handling system is installed on the information handling system when the information handling system is fabricated.

Horstmann relates to electronic software distribution and licensing. Horstmann provides a mechanism for use in conjunction with electronic software distribution that provides purchase documentation and allows for convenient re-download and relicensing of software, including old software versions. Horstmann sets forth “[t]he relicensing manager provides for proper reinstallation of the license certificate”. (Horstmann, Col. 4, lines 10 – 11.) Horstmann also sets forth “[t]he relicensing manager fetches the software, installs the software on the user’s machine and updates the license certificate”. (Horstmann, Col. 4, lines 31 – 34.)

Generally, Horstmann relates to re-download and relicensing of software as compared to the claimed remote restoration. As discussed in the present application, a remote restoration occurs when it is necessary for a client to perform a software re-install or hard drive replacement on a computer system which includes a product key. (See e.g., Ramirez Application, Page 3, line 29 – Page 4, line 3.)

Nowhere in Horstmann is there any teaching or suggestion of remote restoration of software that was installed on an information handling system memory when the information handling system was assembled at a manufacturing facility, as required by claims 1, 7 and 11. Additionally, nowhere in Horstmann is there any teaching or suggestion of obtaining a value that uniquely identifies an information handling system where the value that uniquely identifies the information handling system is installed on the information handling system when the information handling system is fabricated as required by claim 17.

More specifically, Horstmann does not teach or suggest a method for enabling *remote restoration of a purchase verification* which includes *installing application software in an information handling system memory when the information handling system is assembled at a manufacturing facility*, and *linking any promotion code values with the value that uniquely identifies the information handling system within an order management system*, all as required by claim 1. Accordingly, claim 1 is allowable over Horstmann. Claims 2 - 6 depend from claim 1 and are allowable for at least this reason.

Horstmann does not teach or suggest a process for *remote creation* of a system specific key for a benefit purchased post point of sale *from a manufacturer of an information handling system*, much less such a process which includes obtaining a value that uniquely identifies the

information handling system where the value is installed on the information handling system when the information handling system is fabricated and linking the value that uniquely identifies the information handling system with the product code value, all as required by claim 7. Accordingly, claim 7 is allowable over Bueche. Claims 8 - 10 depend from claim 7 and are allowable for at least this reason.

Horstmann does not teach or suggest a system for enabling *remote restoration* of a purchase verification, which includes an install module, a link module and a restore module, where the restore module is configured to *during remote restoration, obtain the promotion code value for the information handling system by providing the value that uniquely identifies the information handling system, and provide the promotion code value to the information handling system to re-enable benefit*, and where the install module *installs application software on an information handling system when the information handling system is assembled at a manufacturing facility* and wherein the link module links any promotion code values with the value that uniquely identifies the information handling system within an order management system, all as required by claim 11. Accordingly, claim 11 is allowable over Bueche. Claims 12 - 16 depend from claim 11 and are allowable for at least this reason.

Horstmann does not teach or suggest a system for remote creation of a system specific key for a benefit purchased post point of sale *from a manufacturer of an information handling system* which includes a *restore module* where the restore module is configured to *obtain a value that uniquely identifies the information handling system* where the value that uniquely identifies the information handling system is *installed on the information handling system when it is fabricated*, all as required by claim 17. Accordingly, claim 17 is allowable over Bueche. Claims 18 - 20 depend from claim 17 and are allowable for at least this reason.

CONCLUSION

The claims have been amended to improve clarity. In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

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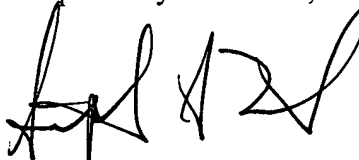


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